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Raton is trying to get the Fourth judicial district headquarters from Las Vegas. What is Las Vegas doing to prevent it?

MAKE ONE TOWN GROW WHERE TWO HAVE NEARLY DIED.

With this issue The Optic begins in earnest a campaign for a Greater Las Vegas. Heretofore we have sporadically called attention to the desirability of uniting into one municipality the two towns that have so long lain idle, dormant and undeveloped in the fairest, richest and most promising part of this broad territory. Henceforth we will preach the gospel regularly, insistently and loudly until the long desired and greatly needed end is accomplished. We will keep at it if it takes the rest of our natural life. The policy of this paper is now and forevermore MAKE ONE TOWN GROW WHERE TWO HAVE NEARLY DIED.

In leading this campaign we want to be fair. These editorial columns will be devoted for some time to considering the question of consolidation from every possible point of view. And in order to deal with the manifold and sometimes intricate phases of the proposition we want help. Our reporters are interviewing citizens of both sides of the river and we trust that they will receive the courteous

treatment and ready response that the vital nature of the question demands. If you have objections to consolidation state them to our reporters and we will do our best to treat them as they deserve to be treated—seriously when they are serious and otherwise when they are not. If you have arguments in favor of consolidation, state them and we will give them space. A thorough discussion of the question is needed and The Optic intends to bring out such a discussion.

TWINS.

The parallel between the city and town of Las Vegas on the one hand and a pair of healthy young twins on the other is striking, amusing and profitable. It is also a subject over which a Brann or an Elbert Hubbard could wield a caustic and sarcastic pen to the everlasting advantage of the people of the community.

During something more than a quarter of a century the town and city have been like two drooling, infantile twin brothers in the same bed. Every morning they have sat up and made faces at each other for the pure love of it and have called each other childish names just to get the morning hoarseness out of their voices. Every noon they have slapped each other's fat faces and screwed up their noses in disdain just for the pure love of seeing what will happen. And every night they have pulled each other's fat toes and gone to sleep with a baseless grouch. One has imagined that the other has been getting a stick more than his share of candy, and the other has thought that he should have both the pillows and all the covers.

Without claiming to be an expert on the nature of twins, it has been our observation that there is always an age when they realize the full force and effect of the old saw that in unity there is strength. When about seventeen or eighteen years of age they forget their childish differences and their petulant attitude toward each other. Then they join forces in an offensive and defensive alliance and—whip everything in sight.

The twin towns of Las Vegas have long since passed the age when it would have been fitting and proper for them to join forces and start a campaign to make themselves into the

strongest and best town in New Mexico. It is a burning shame that the selfishness and short sightedness of some of the citizens of either side of the river have resulted in holding back the development of this offensive and defensive alliance between the city and town. Human nature is a strange and wonderful thing and it is most strange and most wonderful here in Las Vegas. Now if instead of calling each other silly names, some of our leading (?) citizens would get together and punch each other's fat heads until they ached too badly to generate anything but headaches, we would be much better off. A man with a bad headache isn't likely to take rank as a safe and sane leader. The difficulty is, then, that these leading citizens who have retarded the progress of a Greater Las Vegas are the ones who don't like to express the reasons for their acts. Here is an example of that most strange and most wonderful human nature we spoke of a moment ago. These narrow minded citizens express their whims and wherefore so infrequently that The Optic has come to the conclusion that their actions are without reason, their intellects without form and void. Something like young twins again. The time has come for the twin towns of Las Vegas to put aside childish things and act like grown-ups. Let's get busy and go it at once.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE NARROWLY AVERTED

But for the prompt response of both the East and West side fire departments to an alarm of fire turned in at 9:30 o'clock last night, a destructive fire might have resulted from an incipient blaze of incendiary origin in a vacant building at the corner of Railroad and Jackson avenues.

The building is one of several dilapidated frame structures and was at one time occupied by a Chinese laundry. That the blaze of last night was of incendiary origin there is no doubt for the building has not been occupied for some time. The fire started in a closet and had gained considerable headway by the time the hose companies arrived, but was extinguished before any material damage was done.

Both the East side company and the E. Romero hose company from the West side made a quick run to the

fire which attracted a large crowd. The former company while on the way to the fire came near meeting with a serious if not fatal accident, when the team ran into an obstruction in the street in front of the Miller Fruit company's building on Railroad avenue. A sidewalk contractor had left his mortar box, mixer, etc., in the middle of the street and the horses ran into the obstruction while going at a gallop. Fortunately neither horse was injured, nor any of the firemen, although all might have been badly hurt, or possibly killed outright. There is a city ordinance against leaving obstructions of any kind in the streets and this should be enforced to the letter to prevent just such accidents as occurred last night.

SUSPECTS IN JAIL

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Williams Says Hold Them
Ben Williams, chief of the Santa Fe secret service force, who is at La Junta, this afternoon, wired Chief Ben Coles to hold the men. In his telegram he says he believes one of the men under arrest is the second party who helped commit the horrible deed. Chief Williams has telegraphed the Albuquerque officers to this effect, instructing them to take up the work of identifying the men in jail here. His telegram to Chief Coles reads: "La Junta, Colo., June 26, 1939. Chief of Police Coles, E. Las Vegas. Your wire relative to the three Mexicans under arrest in rape case, received. Have instructed Albuquerque officers to communicate with you. Think the Mexican with razor is likely one of them. The second man is now in jail at Albuquerque. B. WILLIAMS. "1:10 p. m."

Feather in Cole's Cap
If Chief Ben Coles has captured one, or both of the ravishers, it will certainly be a feather in the cap of this efficient police officer, who heretofore has demonstrated that he is always on the job when there is anything doing in his line. He has the reputation of being the terror of bad men in this part of the southwest and if his present catch turns out to be the goods, his reputation as a peace officer of the first class will be clinched.

If you read it in The Optic it's so.

Watch Specials

A few specials which we are offering for a short time at SPOT CASH ONLY.

Gents' Gold Filled Case guaranteed 20 years, fitted with a 17 jeweled, ELGIN or WALTHAM movement.....\$12.50

Gents' Silveroid Case, with a 7 jewel ELGIN or WALTHAM.....\$5.50

Ladies' Gold Filled Case, guaranteed with either ELGIN or WALTHAM movement,.....\$12.15

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For men, \$1.50; for women, \$1.00; for children, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Every shoe made on honor—every shoe guaranteed—the price and trade-mark plainly stamped on every pair. If you are looking for the finest shoe made—here it is and at a price that proves real economy.



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"Worthmore" Shoes are made of the finest, softest and most durable upper leather, oak soles, silk stitching, solid heels, fast color brooks and eyelets. They will give more comfort and wear longer than any shoe you ever wore. In the very latest styles for both men and women. You need a pair. Full line of Radiant Hosiery, the make that wears so well.

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\$3.50

MEDICAL TREATMENT BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

New Orleans, June 26.—Medical assistance by wireless is the latest achievement of this branch of telegraphy, according to Wireless Operator Jones of the steamer Carthage, arriving here yesterday. When 150 miles off Swan Island this message was picked up: "Employee John D. Graham, of Swan Island, is suffering from blood poisoning the result of cutting his foot. Send prescription." A surgeon sent a prescription and

a later message told of the man's recovery.

REMARKABLE OPERATION

SAVES MAN HIS LEG

Chicago, June 26.—Grafting the bone of a limb in the right leg of "Doc" Townsend on June 17, was reported yesterday to have been successful. The operation was the first of its kind in America. Townsend, who was an elevator operator, sustained a compound fracture of his leg and the grafting process was decided upon in preference to amputation. The leg is still in a plaster paris cast.

White Linen Skirts

Economy linen 9 gore, some buttoned front, value \$2.00. Special,.....\$1.35

One lot White Linen Skirts 2 bias, folds at button, trimmed in buttons, \$2.50. Special,.....\$1.90

Suede Lisle Gloves

Women's 12 button Gloves, white and cream, regular 75c. Special,.....49c

35c Women's short cotton Gloves.....25c

65c Women's Lace Lisle Hose (Lord & Taylors.) Special,.....48c

Women's & Children's Footwear

Ties, Pumps, Oxfords in Tans, Vici-kid, Patent leathers, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75. Special,.....\$1.99

CHILDREN'S Sandals, Ties, Vici-kid and Patent; sizes 5; Children's to Misses' 1. Special,.....\$1.00

Men's Shoes and Oxfords

In Black Vici or Patent, Tan, Oxfords, \$4.00 values. Special,.....\$2.98

Men's Shirts

Negligee and Golf, plain colors or fancy striped or checked, all sizes—some Pleated, Cuffs attached or detached; these are fine values and if you want a bargain don't miss this.

Values are \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Special,.....\$1.00

35c Men's Balbriggan Underwear.....24c

35c Men's Silk Lisle Hose.....20c

\$5.00 Boys' Suits, new, with 2 pair Knickerbocker pants.....\$3.65

The WORLD of WHITE

Special Sale of Women's Muslin Undergarments

WE open up our Sale with Cut Prices on Muslin Underwear, from our regular stock. The stock is large and well selected, the choosing is ample—the garments are of the best; the prices are way below values. A shipment received only a few days ago will be included in this sale—late styles in trimming, new designs in embroideries and laces. The following prices will give you an idea of the values we are offering:—

Lawns at About Cost.

The continued cold weather is the cause of our offering Seasonable merchandise at such low prices.

The radical cut on these Lawns should bring a host of buyers. The best will be picked over first, so do not tarry.

The Sale includes the entire stock white, colored, figured, striped, flowered:—

35c Lawns.....24c	12 1-2c Lawns.....10c
25c ".....19c	10c ".....7c
20c ".....14c	8 1-3c ".....6c
15c ".....11c	One lot ".....5c yd.

Colored Economy Linen

Better than linen because it does not wrinkle—Key and Grecian, border and stripe. Regular value 25c yard. Special,.....14c

Ginghams

A large assortment including wide and narrow stripes, small and large checks, Red, Blue, Brown, Tan, Lavender. Regular 12 1-2c value. Special,.....8 1-3c

Corset Covers

Neat designs, beautifully trimmed in new laces or embroideries.

\$.50 Corset Covers.....38c
.75 ".....57c
1.00 ".....75c
1.25 ".....94c
1.50 ".....\$1.13
1.75 ".....1.32

Drawers

A large assortment, well selected stock, lace and embroidery trimmed.

\$.65 Drawers.....49c
1.00 ".....75c
1.50 ".....\$1.13
2.00 ".....1.50
2.50 ".....1.89

Petticoats

New lot just received. New trimmings in laces and embroideries. The best quality garments we have ever shown. No loose threads; no seams ripping; laces and trimmings well sewed.

\$1.50 Petticoats.....\$1.13
1.75 ".....1.32
2.00 ".....1.50
2.25 ".....1.69
2.50 ".....1.88
3.00 ".....2.25
3.50 ".....2.63
4.00 ".....3.00
5.00 ".....3.75
5.00 ".....4.50
9.00 ".....6.75

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The Extra Good Values in

Women's Vests

\$1.75 Women's Swiss Ribbed Silk Vests.....\$1.39
\$1.00 Lisle Vests, Hand Crochet.....89c
75c Swiss Ribbed Silk Lisle.....59c

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